

e. Armed Forces Members.

(1) In accordance with the policy outlined in this directive, military personnel shall be given recognition when they meet the pertinent criteria. Coast Guard officers and enlisted personnel on active duty are eligible for appropriate military decorations and awards. All other members of the Armed Forces assigned to the Department of Transportation shall meet the Department of Defense (DOD) regulations for awards and decorations.

(2) All deserving Coast Guard military personnel assigned to civilian positions in the Department will be eligible for the Secretary's honorary awards rather than a military award, when appropriate.

(3) The appropriate awards to be considered for the Coast Guard military personnel are, in order of precedence, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Commendation Medal of the Coast Guard, and the Achievement Medal of the Coast Guard. Criteria for the Coast Guard awards are contained in Chapter 2, Coast Guard Medals and Awards Manual (CG-207-2).

(4) The nomination procedures are as follows:

(a) Distinguished Service Medal and Legion of Merit.

(i) Departmental Officers and Heads of Operating Administrations may nominate military personnel for the Distinguished Service Medal or the Legion of Merit, which may be granted by the Secretary. Nominations are forwarded to the Assistant Secretary for Administration for referral to the DOT Awards Review Board.

(ii) Recommendations initiated by a DOT official other than the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Commandant for services performed outside the Coast Guard are referred by the Assistant Secretary for Administration to the Commandant, who reviews the recommendation to ensure that the award is appropriate and in keeping with current USCG recognition standards. The Commandant returns the

recommendation and comments to the Assistant Secretary for Administration who forwards both to the DOT Awards Review Board. This procedure is in keeping with the existing custom where the Secretary's recommendation of a decoration for Department of Defense military personnel assigned to DOT is forwarded to the appropriate military service for review prior to approval of the award.

(iii) The Coast Guard Commandant will make nominations of military personnel serving within the Coast Guard directly to the Secretary for approval.

(b) Meritorious Service Medal, Commendation Medal, and Achievement Medal.

Nominations for these Coast Guard medals shall be forwarded by Heads of Operating Administrations, or Departmental Officers, to the Assistant Secretary for Administration. He/she refers the recommendations to the Coast Guard for review and approval. The Commandant has been delegated authority to award these decorations.

(5) The Executive Personnel Management Division, Office of Personnel and Training, OST, will give advice and guidance on the Military Awards Program of the Department of Defense (DOD) upon request.

2-3. RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT

a. Agency Funding. The head of each Operating Administration is required to allocate adequate funds to assure prompt action on awards.

2-5. AMOUNTS OF AWARDS

a. Establishing Scales. Within DOT, Operating Administrations may establish their own awards scales consistent with the requirements of this DPM Chapter.

b. Determining Amounts. Individual employees as part of a group at a minimum will not receive less than the minimum monetary award for tangible or intangible benefits as